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Signed at TOKYO on this

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/s/ Soeji Wada

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Signed at Tokyo on this

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EXCERPTS FROM "YOMIURI SHIMBUN" 17 July 1940

War Minister Reveals Far-Reaching Intentions to Prime Minister

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In view of the situation, therefore, War Minister HATA on the 16th at 9:00 a.m. summoned to his office in the Ministry Vice-Minister ANAMI and the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau, MUTO, and held an important conference concerning the attitude which the Army should adopt towards the New Political System movement. After reaching a final decision, at 9:45 a.m. prior to the Cabinet Meeting he had a private interview with Prime Minister YONAI at the Premier's official residence in NAGATA-CHO. In accordance with the aforementioned firm conviction, he disclosed his serious intentions as regards a policy of fundamental cooperation with the New Political System movement by stating that the Government should give its wholehearted support to the said movement.

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In accordance with the results of the important interview at the Premier's Official residence between Prime Minister YONAI and War Minister HATA, the Army convened an emergency conference of its three chief commanders at 1:30 p.m. on the 16th in the Headquarters of the General Staff. The three Chief Commanders: FIH Prince KANIN - Chief of the General Staff, War Minister HATA, and Inspector General of Military Training YAMADA attended. Also present, particularly from the General Staff and the War Ministry, were: SAWADA - Assistant Chief of the General Staff, ANAMI - Vice Minister of War, MUTO - Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau, NODA - Chief of the Personnel Bureau, and others. As a result of their deliberations, the Army's final attitude was decided upon. The conference adjourned at 1:45 p.m. Accordingly, this final decision is to be immediately transmitted to Premier YONAI; its consequences will be watched with keen interest.

Following the conference of the three chief commanders, the Army convened an unofficial meeting of Supreme War Councillors beginning at 2:00 p.m. on the 16th in the War Minister's official residence. Three Supreme War Councillors: General TERAUCHI, Juichi; General SUGIYAMA, Gen; and Lt. General OKAMURA, Neiji, attended. War Minister HATA reported the final decision of the conference of the three chief commanders, and an important discussion ensued.

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War Minister HATA bringing the results of the Conference of the Army's three chief commanders and the meeting of the Supreme War Councillors, visited the Prime Minister's official residence at 3:25 p.m. After attending the Four Ministers' Conference he remained in the official residence for an interview with Prime Minister YONAI and delivered to him the Army's consensus of opinion.

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No. 1
示表思意大重に相首相陸

讀賣新聞

昭和十五年七月十七日 朝の報

政府愈々全面的協力行動へ

新政治体制運動具体化

けふ或いは再度閣議か

……十六日午前九時春内大臣官に阿南次官、武藤軍務局長を招致し、新政治体制運動に對し陸軍とどうなる態度につき重要協議を遂げ最後の決意を固めた。午前九時四十分永田首相官邸において閣議に先立ち米内首相と單獨會見を令し、右の確固たる信念に基づき政府は寧ろ同運動を支持するものであるとして新政治体制運動の根本的協力方針につき重大なる意思表示を行った……

緊急三長官會議 陸軍最後態度決定

首相官邸における米内首相と畑陸相との重大會見の結果に基づき陸軍では十六日午後一時半から參謀本部において緊急三長官會議を開き、閣院參謀總長官殿下と始め奉り畑陸相、山田教士、總理、三長官參集し特に參謀本部及び本府からも澤田次長、阿南次官、武藤軍務、野田人事兩局長等も列席慎重審議を遂げた結果、陸軍の最後の態度と決定、同四

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十五分散開した、あつてこの最後の決定は直ちに米内首相に傳達される筈であるがその結果は頗る注目される。陸軍では三長官會議に引續き十六日午後二時より陸相官邸におき非公式の軍事参議會議を開き寺内壽一、松山元岡大將、岡村寧次中將の三軍事参議官参集、米内陸相から三長官會議の最後の決定を報告、重要協議を遂げた。

陸相首相と再會見

陸軍の總意見を傳達す

米内陸相は陸軍三長官會議並に軍事参議會議の結果を齎し午後三時廿五分首相官邸を訪問、四相會議におき席したるのち官邸に居残り米内首相と會見し陸軍の總意見を傳達した。

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EXCERPT FROM THE "YOMIURI SHIMBUN" - 28 July 1940

National Defense and Diplomatic Policy Firmly Established

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The Liaison Conference between Imperial Headquarters and the Government which was established at the time of the first KONOYE Cabinet in order to bring about harmony between politics and strategy in the settlement of the China Incident was later discontinued and has not been held up to now. However, since it has become necessary to decide new basic policies to meet the sudden change in the world situation with the overwhelming victory of Germany and Italy in Europe, the Liaison Conference between Imperial Headquarters and the Government was held in the East No. 1 Room of the Imperial Palace at 10 a.m. on the 27th. Those present were: Chief of the General Staff - HIH, Prince Kanin, Chief of the Naval General Staff - FIF, Prince Iushimi, Assistant Chief of the General Staff - SAWADA, Vice Chief of the Naval General Staff - KONDO, from Imperial Headquarters; Prime Minister KONOYE, War Minister TOJO, Navy Minister YOSHIDA, Foreign Minister MATSUOKA, President of the Planning Board HOSHINO, from the Government, and MUTO - Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau; ABE - Chief of the Bureau of Naval Affairs, and Chief Cabinet Secretary TOMITA, acting as secretaries. First of all, frank opinions were exchanged between Imperial Headquarters and the Government concerning the Outline for Dealing with the Situation Imposed by Changes in the World Situation, which had been proposed by Imperial Headquarters, and complete agreement was reached after serious deliberation. Next, the government submitted its Outline of the Basic Policy for Establishment of a Nation Strongly Organized on a Basis of National Defense which had been discussed and decided upon in the Cabinet meetings which have been held daily since the formation of the Cabinet. The Government explained this in detail, and once again Imperial Headquarters and the Government mutually exchanged frank opinions of it and arrived at a complete agreement. Then the conference, adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Then Prime Minister KONOYE was ordered to form the new Cabinet, he met with three gentlemen, TOJO, YOSHIDA and MATSUOKA at his home in Ogikubo, and determined to get around the situation by the harmonization between administration and supreme command and by the complete unification of politics and strategy. Thus, he has now completely attained this purpose.

(Statement by the Chief Cabinet Secretary acting as the secretary of the Liaison Conference between Imperial Headquarters and the Government): The Liaison Conference between Imperial Headquarters and the Government was held in the Imperial Palace at 10 a.m. today attended by their Imperial Highnesses, the Chief of the General Staff and the Chief of the Naval General Staff; the Prime Minister; the War Minister; the Navy Minister; the Foreign Minister; the President of the Planning Board; and others. There were frank expression of opinions and careful deliberation regarding the Outline for the Situation Imposed by changes in the World Situation which was presented by Imperial Headquarters. Furthermore, the Government explained its Outline of the Basic Policy which had been decided in yesterday's Cabinet meeting. There was complete agreement on both subjects.

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夕刊 讀賣新聞

昭和十五年七月二十八日 土曜日の投票

連絡會議完全一致

渾然！統帥政治の調和

近衛内閣牢固たる發足

第一次近衛内閣當時支那事變の處理に伴ふ政戦兩略の一致を企図し創設された大本營政府連絡會議は其後中断せられ開催を見ず今日に至つたのであるが歐洲における壓倒的なる独伊側の勝利に伴ふ世界情勢の急激なる変化により、亦に対處すべき新なる基本國家決定の必要に當面、廿七日午前十時より宮中東二間に於て大本營政府連絡會議を開催大本營より閑院參謀總長、伏見軍令部總長兩宮殿とも如の奉り、沢田參謀、近衛軍令部西次長、政府側より近衛首相、東條陸相、吉田海相、北岡外相、星野企画院總裁並に幹事役として武藤陸軍、阿部海軍兩軍務局長、宮田内閣書記官長出席、先づ大本營側より提案にかかる世界情勢の推移に伴ふ時局處理要綱に關し大本營と政府側との間に同意なき意見の開陳は行はぬ慎重なる審議の結果完全に意見の一致を見られ、次で政府が組閣以來連日閣議を開いて討議を決定と見た市島度國防國家建設を目標とする基本國家要綱を提出政府側より詳細に之を説明、亦また大本營政府双方に同意なき意見の開陳あり、完全に意見の一致を見て同十一時三十分散會した、かくて近衛首相は太命降下するや東條、吉田、北岡の三氏と秋室邸に會し行政と統帥の調整政戦兩略の渾然一体化にす

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時局打開を期すべしと意となすであつた。今や見事にその結果を
たすである。

天皇陛下政府連絡會議幹事内閣書記官長談話 本日より十
時より東京において大本營及び政府連絡會議を開催し、参謀總
長、軍令部總長、閣下を始り、首相、陸、海、外相、企畫院
總裁等が参集し、大本營側より提案せる世界情勢、推移に伴ふ時
局の要綱に關し、同意なき所信の開陳ありて、慎重審議を遂げ、また政
府側より昨日閣議におきて決定せる基本國家要綱に關し説明あり
共に完全に意見一致を見たり。

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新體制立案の推進力

常任幹事六氏決定す

民間から後藤(隆之助)氏一人

新体制準備委員会、幹事役として組織原案の企画立案に當る事実上、推進力たるべき幹事。人選については三日内閣議の諒解を経て常任幹事として富田内閣書記官長、村瀬法制局長官、小畑企画院次長、武藤陸軍、阿部海軍、西軍務局長、昭和研究会常任委員後藤隆之助の六氏が内閣より發表せられた。此のうち、民間出身は僅かに後藤隆之助氏のみであるが、敢て幹事としては、広く各界各層の実務に當り第一線に在つて事実上、指導する。新進氣鋭の優秀分子多数も人選大體準備委員にもつて代表せしめる各界を網羅し、又慮からし参加することになつてより、これが人選は準備委員と同様極めて重視されてゐる。

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EXCERPT FROM "YOMIURI SHIMBUN" - 24 August 1940

Six Appointed to Permanent Secretariat to be Driving Force in Plan for New Structure.

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With regard to the choice of secretaries who, as directors of the New Structure Preparatory Committee, will actually be the driving force in drawing up plans for the organizational draft, the Cabinet on the 23rd published the names of the six members of the permanent secretariat whom it had approved: TOMITA, Chief Cabinet Secretary; MURASE, Director of the Bureau of Legislation; ORATA, Vice-President of the Planning Board; MUTO, Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau; ABE, Chief of the Bureau of Naval Affairs; and GOTO, Ryunosuke, a standing committee-member of the SHOWA KENKYUKAI /TN: SHOWA Research Society/.

Among these the only civilian representative is GOTO, Ryunosuke. However, the general secretariat is to be chosen from many of the best progressive elements that are actually the foremost leaders in all fields. It is to include the various circles represented in general by the members of the Preparatory Committee, and will be drawn from the political field. As great importance is laid on this choice as on that of the members of the Preparatory Committee.

(From top to bottom photos are: Messrs. TOMITA, MURASE, ORATA, MUTO, ABE, and GOTO.)

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昭和十九年八月二十四日 第三十三日 (可記物便紙)

新體制立案の推進力

常任幹事六氏決定す

民間から後藤^{隆之助}氏一人



新體制準備委員会の幹事役として組織原案の企画立案に當る事實上の推進力たるべき幹事の人選については廿三日閣議の議解を経て常任幹事として富田内閣書記官長、村瀬法制局長官、小畑金庫院長、武藤陸軍、阿部海軍の兩軍務局長、昭和研究所常任委員後藤隆之助の六氏が内閣より発表された、此のうち、民間出身は僅かに後藤隆之助氏のみであるが、一般幹事としては廣く各界各層の實務に當り第一線に在つて事實上これを指導してゐる新進氣鋭の優秀分子多數を入選、大體準備委員によつて代表される各界を網羅し政黨方面からも参加することになつてをりこれが入選は準備委員と同様極めて重視されてゐる「要人から選出、村瀬、小畑、武藤、阿部、後藤の諸氏」

EXCERIT FROM "YOMURI SHIMBUN" - 27 August 1940

Permanent Secretariat Holds First Meeting

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Prior to this, however, a meeting of the permanent secretariat was held at 1:00 p.m. on the 26th at the official residence of the Prime Minister. It was attended by: TOMITA, Chief Cabinet Secretary; MURASE, Director of the Bureau of Legislation; OBATA, Vice-President of the Planning Board; MUTO, Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau; ABE, Chief of the Bureau of Naval Affairs; and GOTO, Ryunosuke. Also present were their assistants: INADA, Chief of the Cabinet General Affairs Section; MORIYAMA, Chief of the First Department of the Bureau of Legislation; OKUMURA, concurrently Investigator of the Planning Board; Lt. Colonel MAKI (Military Affairs Bureau, War Ministry); Commander TAKAGI (Bureau of Naval Affairs, Navy Ministry), and SAWAMURA, Katsundo.

The final touches were put on the abovementioned draft statement and at the same time opinions were exchanged concerning: the date of the first general assembly of the Preparatory Committee (informally set for 1:00 p.m. of the 28th in the official residence of the Prime Minister), the method of deliberating on matters to be discussed by the Preparatory Committee and the role to be played by the permanent secretariat in organizing and establishing the New Structure.

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初の常任幹事會

新體制聲明文調整

……であるが、これに先立ち、常任幹事會を廿六日午後一時より首相官邸に開催。富田書記官長、村瀬法制局長官、小畑企畫院次長、武蔵陸軍、阿部海軍、成軍事務局、後藤隆三助の六氏、並に常任幹事、輔佐役たる、稻田内閣總務課長、森山法制局第一部長、奥村企畫院兼任調査官牧中佐（陸軍省軍務局）、高木中佐（海軍省軍務局）、澤村克人の諸氏が會合し、右聲明文本文の最終的調整を行ふと共に、準備委員會第二回總會開催の日取り（大体二十七日午後一時より首相官邸で開くことと内定）準備委員會における議事審議方法、並に新体制組織確立に対する常任幹事會の受持すべき役割等に關し意見の交換を行つた。

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Signed at Tokyo on this

12th day of November, 1947.

/sgd/ Masayoshi Sakurai (seal)
Signature of Official

Witness: Masayoshi Yamamoto /sgd/

Chief of the Record Section
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Signed at Tokyo on this

12th day of November, 1947.

/sgd/ Johnson F. Munroe
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Witness: Jewel E. Newman /sgd/

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